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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN COMPENSATION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. TAMORI OF JAPANESE MISSION HAS ASKED MALISH OF USMTN DEL FOR USG REACTION TO GOJ OVERCOMPENSATION PROPOSAL (SEE REFS). TAMORI WONDERED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY "LINGUISTIC PROBLEMS " INVOLVED DELAYING USG RESPONSE. MALISH RESPONDED THAT A TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER JAPANESE COMPENSATION QUESTION BUT THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT USG WAS NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OVERCOMPENSATION PROPOSAL. TAMORI REPLIED THAT JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUR REACTION AND THAT IT NEED NOT AWAIT THE NEXT U.S.-JAPAN COMPENSATION SESSION. TAMORI DID NOT SUGGEST A DATE FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

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2. COMMENT: IN ABSENCE OF ALTERNATIVE U.S. PROPOSALS, AND ASSUMING U.S. REACTION WOULD BE NEGATIVE, WE SEE NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN CONVEYING NEGATIVE REACTION AT PRESENT. PAST COMPENSATION SESSIONS HAVE USUALLY BEEN CLOSELY TIED TO THE TIMING OF THE TARIFFS GROUP MEETING, AND JAPANESE MISSION HAS MADE A POINT OF INCLUDING

TOKYO OFFICIALS FOR TARIFFS GROUP MEETINGS IN COMPENSA-
TION NEGOTIATIONS. THE NEXT COMPENSATION NEGOTIATION,
IF TARIFFS GROUP MEETS MID-MAY, WOULD ALSO COINCIDE
WITH A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON IMPORT RELIEF IN THE
TV SET CASE. IF THAT DECISION IS AFFIRMATIVE. PRESENT
COMPENSATION MATTERS WILL PALE IN COMPARISON. TAMORI,
ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT TV SET DECISION,
CHOSE, HOWEVER, TO EMPHASIZE HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE
ZENITH CVD COURT CASE, RATHER THAN THE ESCAPE-CLAUSE
DETERMINATION. TO THE LAST POINT, MALISH MADE
STANDARD REPLY THAT SHOULD USG LOSE THE ZENITH CASE IT
WOULD CERTAINLY APPEAL THE DECISION. END COMMENT. WALKER

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